

**A) Amendments to the claims:**

Claims 1-29 (Canceled).

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): A method of forming a condiment structure comprising:

- a) providing a mold;
- b) depositing condiment into said mold, wherein said depositing step comprises depositing a predetermined quantity of condiment into a lower compartment of said mold; then, depositing a predetermined quantity of condiment into an upper compartment of said mold such that the condiment in the lower compartment contacts and forms a partial face fusion with the condiment in the upper compartment;
- c) molding to form said condiment structure;
- d) removing said condiment structure from said mold.

Claims 31-37 (Canceled).

Claim 38 (Original): A continuous method for forming condiment slices:

- a) feeding continuous condiment sheets from continuous molding processes to a dividing station;
- b) dividing said continuous condiment sheets into continuous strips;
- c) mating said continuous condiment strips;
- d) feeding said mated condiment strips to a heating/fusion device;
- e) heating the mating surfaces of said continuous condiment strips to flow point;
- f) abutting the heated mating surfaces of the continuous condiment strips to cause fusion of the surfaces and form a continuous fused combination condiment sheet;
- g) dividing said continuous fused combination condiment strip sheet to form condiment slices.

Claim 39 (Previously Amended): The continuous method for forming condiment slices of claim 38:

wherein said mating comprises a face-to-face or side-by-side relationship.

Claims 40-45 (Canceled).

Claim 46 (Original): A method of forming a condiment slice comprising:

- a) providing a cutting tool;
- b) forming a condiment slice from at least one condiment sheet using said cutting tool;
- c) removing the condiment slice from said at least one condiment sheet using said cutting tool;
- d) mating the cutting tool with a mold section;
- e) positioning said condiment slice in said mold section;
- f) heating the periphery of said condiment slice.

Claim 47 (Previously Amended): The method of claim 46:

wherein said cutting tool is provided with vacuum to attach, hold, and carry the condiment slice.

Claim 48 (Previously Amended): The method of claim 46:

wherein said cutting tool and said mold section are provided with heating/cooling plates for performing said heating of said periphery of said condiment slice.

Claim 49 (Previously Amended): The method of claim 46:

wherein said condiment slice has a plurality of layers.

Claim 50 (Previously Amended): The method of claim 46:

wherein said at least one condiment sheet comprises a single condiment sheet, a face-fused condiment sheet, a side-fused condiment sheet, a face-fused-side-fused condiment sheet, a chopped condiment sheet, a woven condiment sheet, and combinations thereof.

Claims 51-56 (Cancelled).